

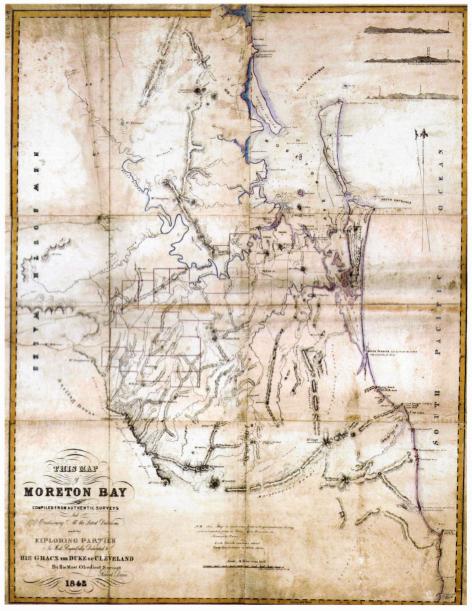


**Aerial Photo - 1996 - Photographer: Jim Herron** The photo shows The Redcliffe Showgrounds, Redcliffe

Lying within The Moreton Bay Region of Queensland, Redcliffe is situated approximately 24 km from Brisbane Central Business District on a peninsula which juts out into Moreton Bay. It has a land mass of  $37 \text{km}^2$  and a population of more than 59000 residents. With its mild climate and proximity to the ocean, Redcliffe has always been a popular place for the gathering of people. The recent café culture, markets, annual festivals, whale watching, Bee Gees Way, patrolled Settlement Cove Lagoon and the life saver patrolled Suttons Beach attract many locals and visitors alike.

With many kindergartens, ten primary schools, five secondary colleges, TAFE, a trade school, two hospitals, many specialist and healthcare facilities, churches, service clubs, recreational clubs and various sporting clubs, Redcliffe caters well for all ages. Redcliffe Library, Museum, Botanical Gardens and Entertainment Centre are all well frequented by local residents and visitors.

Travel to Redcliffe has changed from the earliest steamships, ferries, and horse drawn vehicles to car, bus and more recently rail travel. Redcliffe's main employment arises from its many residential service industries as well as global export industries. There is a regional airport which supports a thriving helicopter industry and skydiving and other aero activities. Fishing has always been of major importance to the area with its flourishing seafood industry.



**Map of Moreton Bay made by Robert Dixon in 1842** Robert Dixon (1800-1858) National Library of Australia

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### **History Redcliffe** (Redcliffe Historical Society Inc)

Founded in 1967, this group meets monthly (Feb - Dec) at Redcliffe City Library Meeting Room. A guest speaker delivers a presentation and refreshments are served.

New members and visitors are welcome.

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1. The Amity - 1824

2. The Red Cliffs - 1799

3. Redcliffe Jetty - 1922

4. SS Koopa - 1911

5. Anzac Memorial Avenue - 1925

All merchandise may be purchased at the Redcliffe Museum or direct from History Redcliffe.

### Preserving the Past

#### **Timeline Highlights:**

Prior to European settlement, the area known as Redcliffe Peninsula was occupied by the indigenous Ningy Ningy people who managed country sustainably for the sustenance of all inhabitants.

1799: Lieutenant Matthew Flinders landed at Woody Point.

**1823:** John Oxley explored part of the peninsula.

1824: A convict settlement was founded near Humpybong Creek.

**1825:** The convict settlement moved to the banks of the Brisbane River.

**1840's:** German missionaries visited the area.

**1862:** The Redcliffe Agricultural Reserve was proclaimed.

**1876:** The first Humpybong Provisional School was opened.

**1878:** The Bay View Hotel was built at Scarborough.

Parcels of land were purchased for future development.

**1880:** The first church was built. It was the Congregational Church.

**1881:** The first Woody Point Jetty was built.

**1883:** The Great Western Hotel was built at Woody Point.

**1885:** The first Redcliffe Jetty was built.

**1886:** The Post and Telegraph Office, Court House and Police Station were built.

1888: The Redcliffe Provisional School opened at the present site of Redcliffe Hospital.The Redcliffe Divisional Board was proclaimed.

**1902:** The Redcliffe Shire Council was proclaimed and Council Chambers were built.

1909: The Humpybong State School was opened.

**1911:** The *SS Koopa* commenced trips to Redcliffe and Bribie Island.

1921: Redcliffe was proclaimed a town.

**1922:** Woody Point School of Arts Memorial Hall and replacement jetties at Woody Point and Redcliffe were officially opened.

**1925:** Anzac Avenue was opened officially.

**1928:** Electric power was switched on in Redcliffe.

**1935:** The Hornibrook Highway was opened.

**1941:** Reticulated water supply was turned on and the new Council Chambers were opened.

# Recording the Present

**1958:** The Bee Gees' career began at Redcliffe Speedway.

**1959:** Redcliffe was proclaimed a city.

**1965:** The Redcliffe Hospital was opened.

**1967:** The Redcliffe Historical Society was formed.

**1968:** A plane piloted by Norm Thurecht made the first landing at Redcliffe Aerodrome.

**1970:** The Redcliffe Historical Society's first museum opened at 143 Sutton Street.

**1974:** The new Redcliffe City Council Chambers were opened.

**1975:** The second Redcliffe Historical Society Museum opened at Suttons Beach Bathing Pavilion.

**1979**: The Houghton Highway was opened.

1999: The new Redcliffe Jetty was opened.

**2000:** The Redcliffe City Library and Art Gallery building was opened.

**2001:** The Redcliffe City Council Museum incorporating the Redcliffe Historical Society collection was opened.

**2008:** February 23 the last Redcliffe City Council meeting was held and April 3 the inaugural Moreton Bay Regional Council meeting was held.

**2009:** The third Woody Point Jetty was completed.

2010: The Ted Smout Memorial Bridge was opened.

**2013:** The Bee Gees Way was opened by Barry Gibb.

**2016:** The Redcliffe Peninsula rail line was opened.



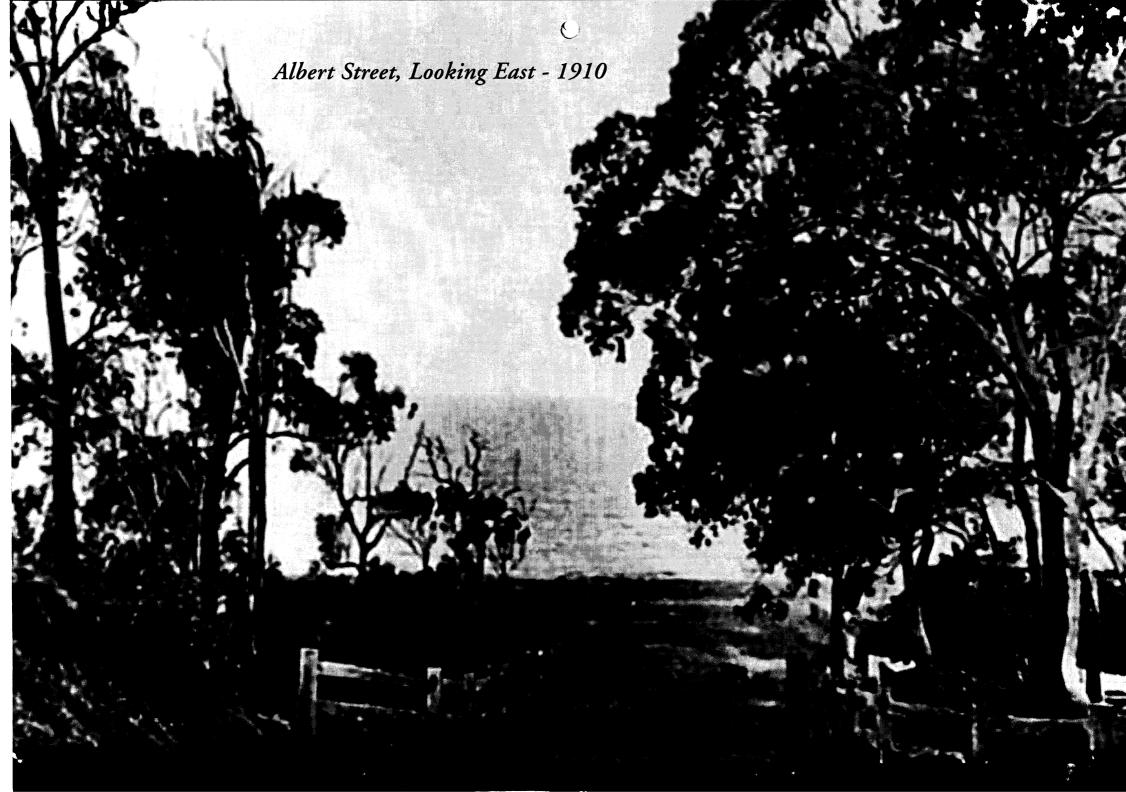
#### **Photo Ian Harding 2019**

#### For other enquiries visit the Redcliffe Museum.

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## Enriching the Future

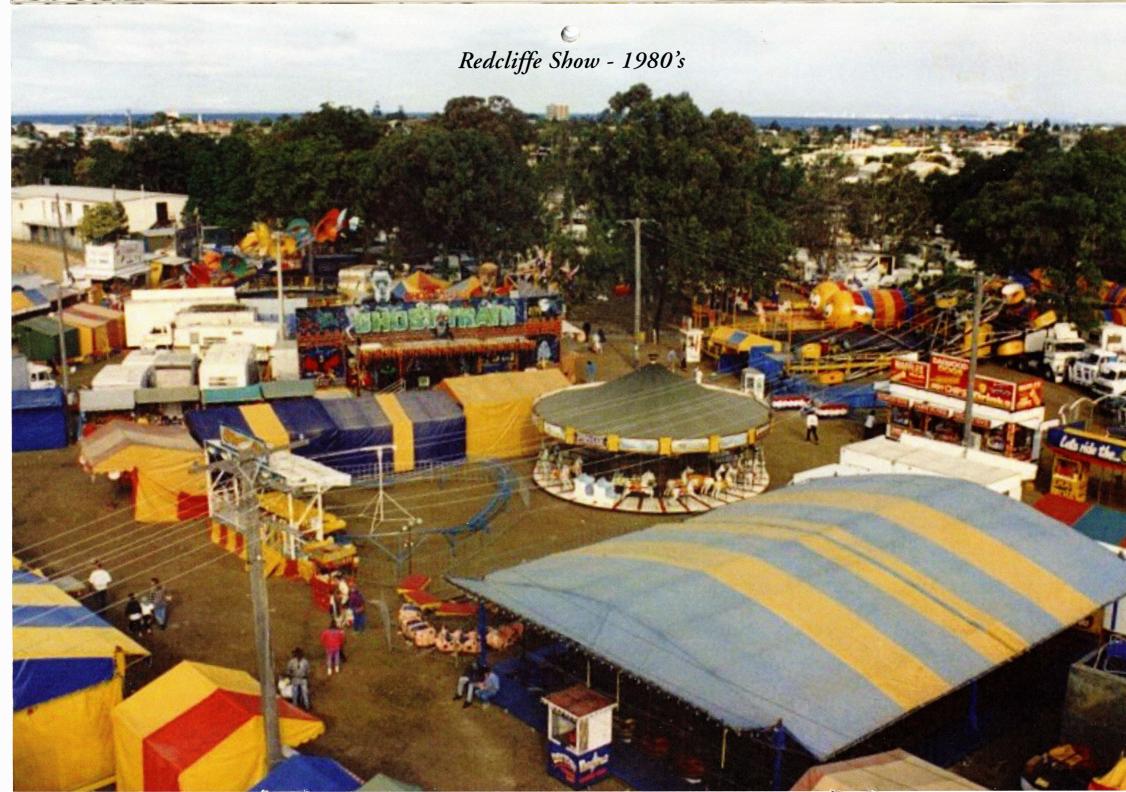




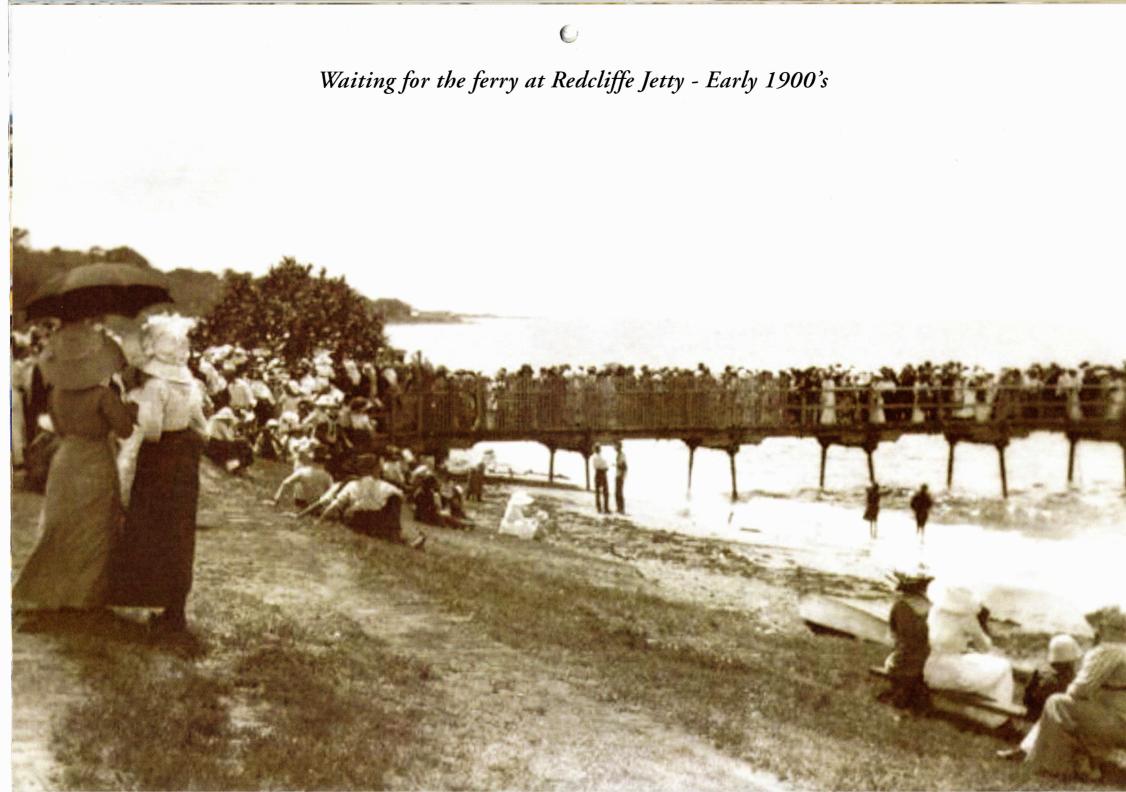


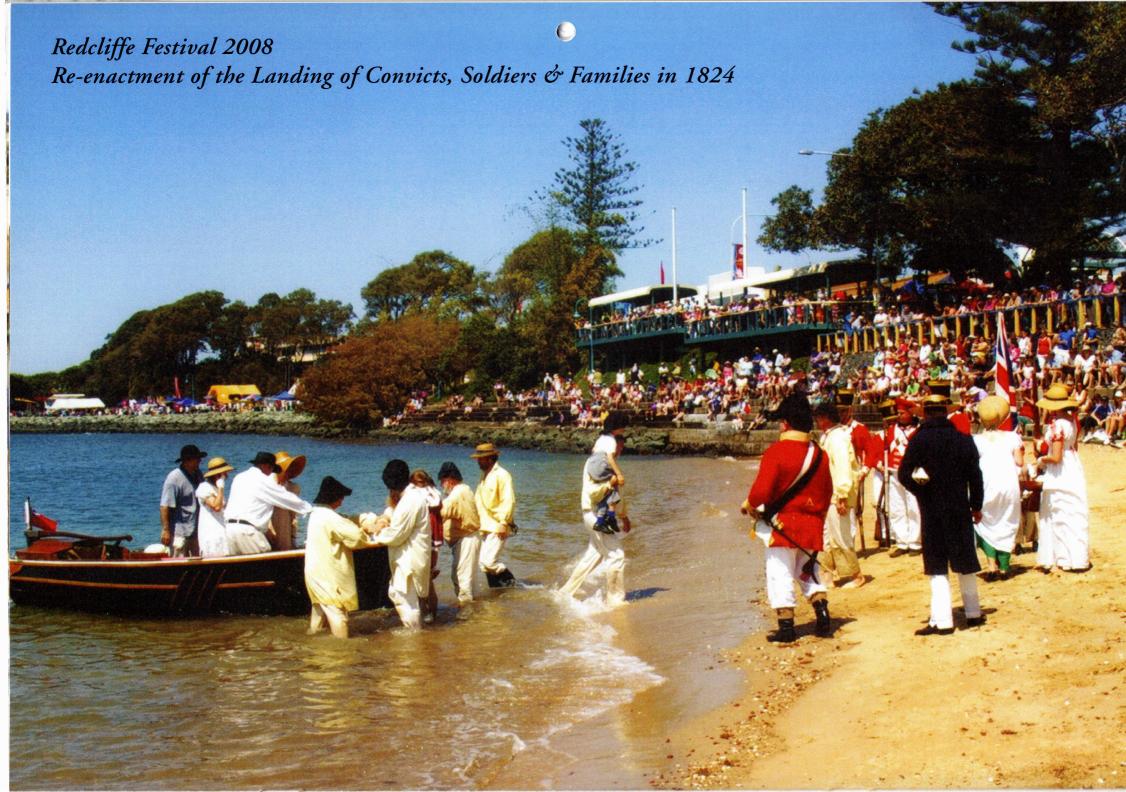




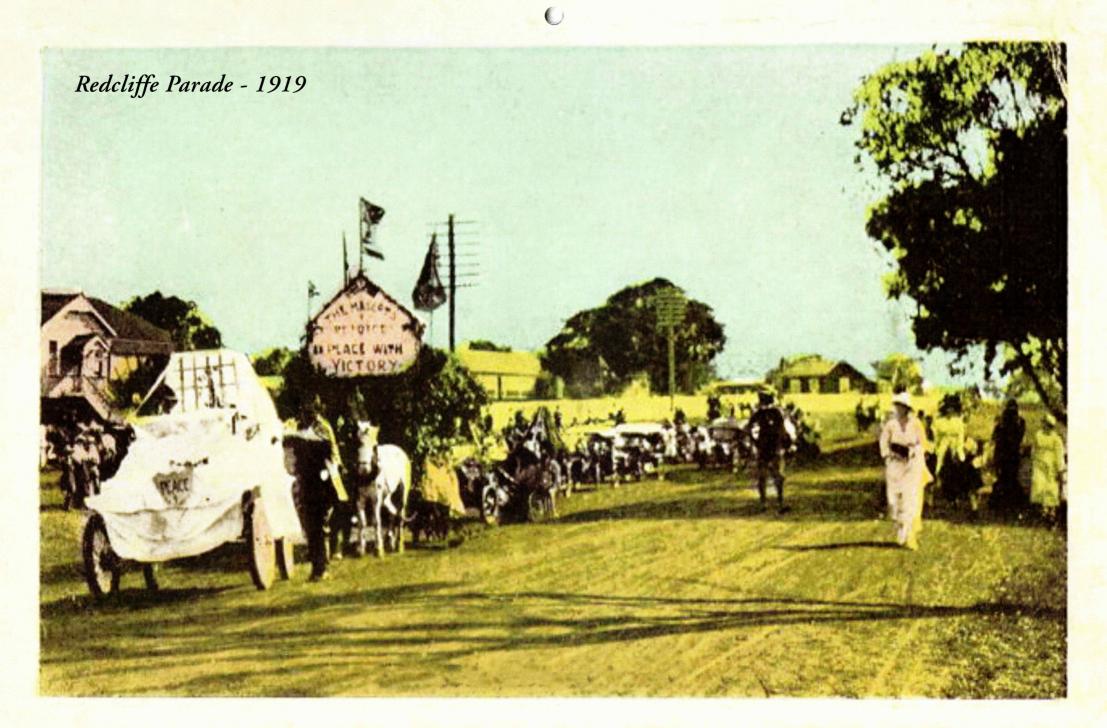












Peace Procession and Public Buildings, Redcliffe, Queensland.



## The Past is the Building Block of the Future













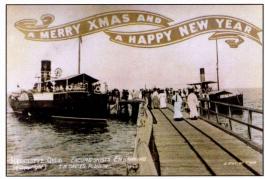














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